

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 08 March 2002
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Manga NZ
 Title of Publication: Amores Perros
 Other Known Titles: Love's A Bitch
 Director: Alejandro González Iñárritu
 Producer: Alejandro González Iñárritu
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: DVD
 Country of Origin: Mexico
 Language: Spanish with English Subtitles

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Components of film originally examined:

Menu: Play Feature
 Select Scenes
 Explore Extras

Feature: Amores Perros Running time: 147.29

Other Moving Components: Copyright Warning/Madman Cinema Notice Running time: 0.13
 Deleted Scenes 16.41
 Making The Film 15.36
 Behind The Scenes 7.36
 Me Van A Matar: Julieta Venegas 3.55
 Avientame: Cafe Tacuba 3.19
 De Perros Amores: Control Machete 3.51
 Amores Perros 1.51
 The Bank 1.57
 Mullet 1.56
 Shadow Of The Vampire 1.27

Other Components: Press Kit

Total Running time: 205.51

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

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Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains violence, sex scenes and content that may disturb.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 07 March 2002

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD entitled *Amores Perros*, also known as *Love's A Bitch*, is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The DVD mainly contains the feature of the same title, which is a Spanish-language feature of Mexican origin. The feature is subtitled in English. The feature opens with a hectic car chase that ends in an horrific crash involving main characters in the three interwoven stories. These characters are a youth who enters the family dog in fights for money to get himself and his battered sister-in-law out of their current situation, a model whose career and relationship are ruined by the crash, and an ageing former-assassin who saves the badly wounded dog after the accident. Brutal dog fights and their aftermath are a distinctive characteristic of the feature. Despite the different recorded running times, the feature is identical to that originally examined as a video recording and classified by the Classification Office (OFLC Ref. 100924). The classification, objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years, was registered on 04 July 2001. The descriptive note 'Contains violence, sex scenes and content that may disturb' was attached to the video recording.

There are a number of additional components on the DVD, mainly contained in the 'Explore Extras' sub-menu. These components include two featurettes that discuss and show aspects of making the feature, a trailer for this feature, three trailers for other features, three music videos for songs that appear in the feature, cast and crew notes, and a 'press kit' comprising several items. The additional components do not affect the classification given to the feature. While some of these components have information and interest value about the cast and the director or the making of the feature, the extra components overall neither mitigate nor increase the feature's impact in its presentation of sex, violence, cruelty and crime.

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